

TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
For
November 15, 2005

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at the Club House.

Town Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with Councilpersons John Wilhelm and Ben Bolton, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King and Town Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson John Wilhelm moved that the minutes be approved as presented with correction requested. Councilperson Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of October 31, 2005:

City Savings - CD	\$ 5,227.15
Chase/Bank One	\$ 185,344.77
Fifth Third	\$ 202,505.42
First State Bank - Porter	\$ 21,780.88
Total	\$ 414,858.22

Councilperson John Wilhelm made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second by Councilperson Ben Bolton and the motion unanimously carried.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Councilperson John Wilhelm made the motion to accept the claims as presented. Councilperson Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR THE TOWN OF DUNES ACRES for November 1005:

Diane Bartley	October Pay	\$ 1,224.03
Atha w. Belsha	"	\$ 1,394.61
Raymond C. Friday	"	\$ 621.87
Sherry A. King	"	\$ 764.36
David W. Kristophel	"	\$ 574.58
Philip A. Lepley	"	\$ 1,265.88
Nick Markovich	"	\$ 827.60
Terry R. Trout	"	\$ 660.34
Garrett L. Tyrrell	"	\$ 214.41
Datagraphics	Pump house charts/Speed bump notices	\$ 11.20
Irv Call	Install light pole at clubhouse - reimburse	\$ 100.00
John Wilhelm	Clubhouse/Park Tree Lights - reimburse	\$ 17.81
The Signworks	4 decals for vehicles	\$ 212.78
Gilmore Franzen Architects, Inc.	Architects Services Clubhouse	\$ 2,093.53
Bill Griffin	Oil Change at Jiffy Lube - Truck	\$ 50.48
Indiana American Water Company	Services 8/24 - 10/25/2005	\$ 33.45
Verizon North	Phone	\$ 138.15
Star Uniforms	Embroidery/Jacket - Diane Bartley	\$ 134.00
Hopkin's Ace Hardware	Spikes/Tools/Stakes Speed Bumps/Light	\$ 31.23
Nipsco	Gas/Electric	\$ 266.77

Pinkerton Fuel & Lubricants	Gas Chevy Silverado	\$ 50.73
Kmart	Paper Products - Gatehouse	\$ 31.14
Pioneer Lumber Inc.	Lumber delivered	\$ 39.57
Westchester Warehouse	Clerk-Treasurer Legal Storage	\$ 37.00
Sue Smith	Plantings at gatehouse - reimburse	\$ 309.50
Able Disposal	Garbage Pickup	\$ 26.52
Kramer & Leonard Office Products	Binders/Minute book pages	\$ 148.89
Raymond C. Friday	Mileage for October	\$ 41.62
A & M Lawn and Garden	Chain bar for pole saw	\$ 23.95
Nextel	Phones	\$ 64.78
Newark InOne	Material for Clubhouse parking lot	\$ 188.86
Joe Duval	Lawn mowing service 9/10 - 11/6/05	\$ 770.00
Builders Network Realty, Inc.	November Office Rental	\$ 170.00
Chase/Bank One Credit Card	Various Supplies	\$ 169.73
First State Bank Of Porter	Federal Payroll Liabilities	\$ 2,028.70
Payroll Fund	From Operating Fund for October Pay	\$ 9,932.75
Total		\$24,670.82

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES for November 2005:

Councilperson Ben Bolton brought forth two claims from Boyd Construction. It was moved by Councilperson Ben Bolton and second by Councilperson John Wilhelm to make a partial payment as Indiana American Water is supposed to pay approximately \$32000.00. Motion was unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King made mention of the letter from the Salvation Army requesting volunteers to ring the bells this year.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE: John Wilhelm

John brought up the concern of the prescribe burns planned by the Hochmans, Booths, and Bombergers. They have already set it up with Sandy O'Brien to do the burns. Some concerns stated were no control over, wind factor, and the danger to the safety of the Town. Porter Fire Chief Craig Lewis was present and reported that from his and his firefighters view point they are definitely against the prescribed burns. There was much discussion from and with the audience. John Wilhelm requested a draft ordinance be drawn up with concise language in regards to prescribed burns.

ROADS/TOWN ENGINEER: Irv Call

The speed bumps were put down and 1 is missing and 3 were taken up and laid along side the road. The three are at the gatehouse. Four speed limit signs were pulled up. Contract for Clubhouse parking lot lighting is signed and work is in progress. When asked if it would be done by the Christmas Benefit (12/4) his answer was he didn't know. He couldn't find anyone to put in telephone pole.

PARKS: Kellie Klein

Thanked John, Irv, and Todd for their work on the merry-go-round and for the taking down awning and wind screens. Need to get the water fountain turned off and take the canopy down. The Bear is sealed and will receive a name in the next Beach Comber. Todd will soon get the ice skating rink up and going.

BEACH: N/A

BUILDING: John Sullivan

Gave a final inspection on the Hall project and they have moved in. Robertson on Oak is doing some remodeling. He did a walk through on the Mark Bapst's internal project. Cyprus project has a new contractor cleaning up.

MAINTENANCE: Bill Griffin

The cutting back of the trees 12' is an annoyance to a lot of people, but had to be done so the fire trucks can get through. Work is going on Circle Drive so there is no access to it. There was much discussion on the disposal of the debris from the cutting. Council President Lou Roberts suggested renting a chipper and chipping up the tree debris at the gatehouse and let the residents know they can pick up the chips. Joe Duvall has been taking away some of the cuttings. Councilperson John Wilhelm suggested finishing clean-up before any more trimming is done. Council President Lou Roberts suggested hiring someone for this weekend to help with the clean-up and trimming. John Sullivan also was for chipping down at the gatehouse and having residents come to pick up chipping.

Councilperson John Wilhelm asked for help putting up Christmas Tree lights in the hopes of someone else learning to do this job and taking over from he and Nancy. If anyone would be willing to do this on a volunteer basis please give John a call.

POLICE: Cecilia Call

The speed bumps and 4 speed limit signs were vandalized.

Porter County Deputy Sheriff David Lane was present to give some advice what can be done about the vandalism. Some of his suggestions were: hire an off duty police officer to work parttime and give authority to perform police duties in town, hire a Town Marshall, and do a door to door survey - most of the time this will get people's attention. Councilperson John Wilhelm asked about renting a radar gun from the County. No, but it would be much more economical to purchase own. He suggested we consider a loan from the sheriff's department of a radar speed sign for a couple days to get a traffic

count.

Police Commissioner Call said all efforts have been exhausted to correct the vandalism and speeding. The problem is at a point of frustration. Sheriff Lane even said they

haven't

quite gotten a handle on speeding on the county roads either. Attorney Whitten stated that there are State Statutes that govern vandalism and maliciousness. Police Commissioner Call then asked about hiring someone on a limited basis to patrol 1 – 2 days a week.

Attorney Whitten suggested the best deal would be to hire a Town Marshall as Sheriff Lane suggested. In answer to John Sullivan's question of who has jurisdiction over Town - the County Sheriff's Department does.

Cecilia reported that there was an electrical problem at the Gatehouse. Irv Call took care of it. There was a protest of our being in Iraq on Sunday. She told them to get permission from council first. The grandmother gave permission .

ENVIRONMENT: Sue Smith

Sue brought with her Marisa and Kara Sullivan's hiking folders from a couple months ago.

Tree downed by Jim Edmonds free of charge. A Dogwood, Cornus Florida was planted in memory of Lee Person. Thank you to Irv for his help in getting the tree to the town. Sue and Joyce picked up New Jersey Tee, Dwarf Honeysuckle, and Pasture Rose plants. Nancy Wihelm, Heidi Sullivan and Art Tonner planted them. Greg Levovich will start as soon as possible to work on the Bittersweet. This is the grant work for protection of the Pitchers Thistle. Sue will be looking into a Coastal Grant this Thursday for invasive plant which we have many. The National Lake Shore doesn't qualify but maybe we will. Sue looked into Able placing a dumpster at the Town Hall for use in collecting the tree trimmings around town. Cost 20 yard = \$295, 30 yard = \$335. Could have it for a week. Paul Labus came out last week to look over the condition of Clubhouse hill. More than matts and plantings must solve the erosion problem. He suggested an engineer. She's met Jack Pizzo, who is doing the work at the RWS, he said he could look at the situation and give us some advice on what to do. We'll see on this. Just some fieldwork for now.

WATER: Ben Bolton

They've installed the main. Pressure was tested and bacteria test passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

CLUBHOUSE: Lou Roberts

Will meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. with Gilmore-Franzen on progress and data on logs. Fire sprinkler test done – time to reach end 2 min. 25 sec. 2 hrs. later 1 min. 12 sec. Irv Call said there is a problem with the motor controller and it needs to be sent off and repaired. Jeff and Heidi are to do a flow test.

TOWN HALL: Lou Roberts

Attorney Dan Whitten said all that was needed was to decide which estimate to go with. He also suggested a couple questions to consider: why estimates came in so different and is the adjustment off.

Councilman John Wihelm moved to approve proceeding with restoration of the Town Hall. The builder to be chosen upon recommendation of the Town Attorney, Council President, and Anton Insurance agent after they convene to go over bids. Council President Lou Roberts has full authority to decide which one gets the bid. Councilman Ben Bolton seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Wilhelm read the Holiday Bonus Ordinance 2005-3 which establishes Holiday bonuses for employees. Councilman John Wilhelm moved and councilman Ben Bolton seconded a motion to pass Ordinance 2005-3 on first reading. Motion passed.

Councilman

John Wilhelm made a motion to suspend the rules to allow second reading by title only. Council President Lou Roberts seconded. Motion passed. Councilman John Wilhelm read Ordinance 2004-3 by title and moved that it be adopted. Councilman Ben Bolton seconded. Motion passed.

Councilman John Wilhelm read Ordinance 2005-4 establishing the salaries for the Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Town Employees for the 2006 calendar year. Councilman John Wilhelm moved to pass Ordinance 2005-4. Councilman Ben Bolton seconded. Councilman John Wilhelm moved to suspend the rules to allow seconding reading by title only of Ordinance 2005-4. Councilman Ben Bolton seconded. Motion passed. Councilman John Wilhelm read by title only and moved passing of Salary

Ordinance 2005-3. Councilman Ben Bolton seconded. Motion passed.

PLAN COMMISSION: N/A

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION:

Council President Lou Roberts reported there would be some end of the year positions opening up and asked if anybody would like to volunteer to fill these positions. She said they would let it be known when these vacancies come up.

At 9:10 p.m. Councilman John Wilhelm moved the meeting be adjourned.

Louise Roberts , Council President

John Wilhelm, Councilperson

Benjamin Bolton, Councilperson

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

